

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided is an optical scanning apparatus for optically scanning a surface to be scanned, including: a light source unit that emits a beam  
5 modulated according to an image signal; a condenser lens for temporarily focusing the beam emitted from the light source unit into an image in a sub-scanning section in the vicinity of a deflection surface of a light deflector; and a scanning optical system for  
10 guiding the beam deflected by the light deflector onto the surface to be scanned, in which: in the sub-scanning section, the beam from the condenser lens is incident at an angle with a normal to the deflection surface; and an scanning optical element constituting  
15 the scanning optical system has an optical axis eccentric toward a deflection point side of the deflection surface with respect to a transmission position of a principle ray of the beam in a sub scanning direction.